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Dear Public Land User:

The Big Pack Natural Gas Development EA is hereby submitted for your review and comment. Public comments will be accepted through close of business on January 20, 2009. The EA was prepared to analyze the potential impacts of Enduring Resource's development proposal. The Big Pack project involves approximately 34,471 acres including parts of Township 11 and 12 South, Range 22 East, Salt Lake Meridian, about 40 miles south of Vernal, Uintah County, Utah. This EA analyzes three alternatives in detail.

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The EA was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as well as other regulations and statutes, to address possible environmental and socio-economic impacts which could result from implementation of the project. This EA is not a decision document. Its purpose is to inform the public, and the Decision Maker, of the impacts associated with implementing the proponent's exploratory drilling proposal, to evaluate alternatives to the proposal, and to solicit other agencies and the public for comments. A Record of Decision would be signed following the 30-day comment period and after consideration of any public comments.

If you wish to submit comments, please make them as specific as possible, with references to page numbers and chapters of the document. The most useful comments will contain new technical or scientific information, identify data gaps in the impact analysis, or will provide technical or scientific rationale for opinions or preferences. Please refer to "Big Pack EA" in your correspondence. Written comments will be accepted by fax, email, or letter for 30-days through close of business on January 20, 2009. Please provide your comments to:

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Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information - may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the BLM Vernal Field Office from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. Comments may be published as part of the NEPA document and other related documents. All submissions from organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety. For further information concerning the document, please contact Stephanie Howard at (435) 781-4469.

Sincerely,



William Stringer
Vernal Field Office Manager